

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 691.6(6), the Iowa Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 127, "County Medical Examiners," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment proposes changes to the rules governing the qualifications and supervision of the county medical examiner investigators.

Any interested persons may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment on or before October 13, 2009. Such written comments should be directed to Jerri McLemore, M.D., Office of the State Medical Examiner, 2250 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50023. E-mail may be sent to jmclemor@idph.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 691.6.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** paragraph **127.7(2)"e"**:

e. If a CME-I is unable to meet the eligibility requirements for obtaining registry certification due to the small number of cases requiring investigation in the county of appointment, then a waiver shall be obtained from the state medical examiner in order for the investigator to continue his or her duties. The waiver must be submitted in writing with documentation of the number of deaths occurring in the county of appointment requiring investigation by the CME-I requesting the waiver. The waiver must be renewed every five years if the required number of investigations has still not been achieved.